

Reception Newsletter



Friday 14th January 2022

Our golden promises

We promise to be...

Respectful (look after everyone and everything), **Thoughtful and caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy) **Enthusiastic**

This week

To welcome in the New Year 2022, we talked about how the New Year is celebrated in different places and in countries like Japan, they tie New Year's wishes on bits of paper around a tree. Some of the children were inspired to think of their own new year's wishes – things that they wanted to get better at or something they wanted to change. This week we have been looking out for the signs of a new season- winter. We have talked about how this season changes the way we dress – that we need to wear special clothes to keep us warm. We also observed other natural signs of winter such as snow, ice, frost, bare trees and some wildlife like Robins. We returned to our 'parts of me' learning and this week we looked at the emotion of sadness and talked about what kinds of things make us sad and came up with some strategies on how to shrink this emotion.

In Phonics we have learnt 2 new sounds – **b,h** and also **ss** – not a new sound but the 'double s' is used when the sound is found at the end of the word **e.g. hiss. dress**. We need to be careful that we do not say the **s** sound twice. We have also learnt tricky word **go** In maths we have been exploring 5 - subitising and looking for the different parts that make 5 **eg 3 and a 2 makes 5, 4 and a 1 equals**

Next week

We will continue to build on our knowledge and understanding of winter by thinking about hibernation. We will start to read a new story called Stanley's stick and use this story to kick off our new topic all about turning something **ordinary** into something **extraordinary**. This half term we will be developing our imaginative play and creative skills to achieve this.

After school clubs

Some after school clubs start next week – **trampoline, football and art club** and these are available to our Reception children. There are still some spaces available on football and art so please book using the link in the Clubs letter that was emailed last week.

Spare clothes

Please ensure that, if your child has used some of **their** spare clothes, you return them to school. Some children's spare clothes bags are missing individual items such as socks or trousers. We are running out of our school spare supplies.

Other bits:

The children are really developing their phonics skills – learning lots of new sounds and tricky words and it is really important they practise applying these skills to become more independent readers. Reading their school reading books regularly will help them achieve this. **Little but often** is an effective way to practise and consolidate e.g. Reading 2 or 3 pages a night instead of the whole book. We would like to see **all** children reading on **3 or more occasions** a week (this is not necessarily 3 **books** a week) e.g. Monday – pg. 1 to 3 / Tuesday pages 4 and 5 / Wednesday pg. 6 to 8 etc. This approach allows children to be consistently practising their reading skills. We will celebrate this reading practise with some reading stickers on a Friday so please do indicate in their reading record books how many times they have read. If you have any questions or would like any help with supporting reading at home, please speak to the Reception team.